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***Via FOIAOnline***

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
 U.S. EPA, Region 5  
 77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)  
 Chicago, IL 60604-3590

**Re: FOIA Request**

Dear FOIA Coordinator:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request copies of the following documents:

- All communications (including e-mail communications) between EPA Region 5 personnel<sup>1</sup> and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company from 1/1/14 to present.
  - To assist with EPA's search of e-mail communications, people working on behalf of NRDC have an email that includes "@nrdc.org" and the following non-exclusive list of NRDC employees may have communicated with EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company:
    - ☐ Meleah Geertsma
    - ☐ Selena Kyle
    - ☐ Craig Spencer
    - ☐ Henry Henderson
    - ☐ Anjali Waiker
    - ☐ Samantha Williams

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<sup>1</sup> It is unknown whom NRDC may have communicated with at EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, but may include the following non-exclusive list of individuals: Nicole Cantello; John Matson; Shilpa Patel; Molly Smith; John Mooney; Motria Caudill; Alan Walts; Nathan Frank; George Czerniak; Molly Smith; Patrick Miller; Jacqueline Nwia; Eileen Furey; Sara Breneman; Carole Braverman; Mary Pat Tyson; Sarah Marshall; Brian Dickens; George Bollweg; Jaime Wagner; Anna Wagner; Gina Soscia; Mark Johnson; Suzanne King; Susan Hedman; Robert Kaplan; Cheryl Newton; or Edward Nam.



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- All communications (including e-mail communications) between EPA Region 5 personnel<sup>2</sup> and Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF) regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company from 1/1/14 to present.
  - To assist with EPA's search of e-mail communications, people working on behalf of or representing SETF that may have communicated with EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, include, but are not limited to:
    - ☐ Debbie Chizewer
    - ☐ Peggy Salazar
    - ☐ Olga Bautista
    - ☐ Tom Shepard
    - ☐ Kate Koval
    - ☐ Nancy Margraff
- All communications (including e-mail communications) between EPA Region 5 personnel<sup>3</sup> and the media regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company from 1/1/16 to present.
  - To assist with EPA's search of e-mail communications, people working on behalf of or representing the media that may have communicated with EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, include, but are not limited to:
    - ☐ Alex Ruppenthal (WTTW)
    - ☐ Michael Hawthorne (Chicago Tribune)
    - ☐ Fran Spielman (Chicago Sun Times)

I am only requesting the above-listed communications where correspondence has been sent from, sent to, or copied individuals working on behalf of or representing these outside third-parties (NRDC, SETF, or the media). I am not requesting inter-agency or intra-agency communications

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<sup>3</sup> It is unknown whom the media may have communicated with at EPA Region 5 regarding manganese or the S.H. Bell Company, but may include the following non-exclusive list of individuals: Nicole Cantello; John Matson; Shilpa Patel; Molly Smith; John Mooney; Motria Caudill; Alan Walts; Nathan Frank; George Czerniak; Molly Smith; Patrick Miller; Jacqueline Nwia; Eileen Furey; Sara Breneman; Carole Braverman; Mary Pat Tyson; Sarah Marshall; Brian Dickens; George Bollweg; Jaime Wagner; Anna Wagner; Gina Soscia; Mark Johnson; Suzanne King; Susan Hedman; Robert Kaplan; Cheryl Newton; or Edward Nam.



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except to the extent such communications have been forwarded or sent to these outside third-parties and/or where these outside third-parties have been copied on such communications.

We will pay all reasonable search and copying costs, up to \$250. Should the cost of fulfilling this request exceed \$250, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

*/s/ Jessica Sharrow Thompson*